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Judge admonishes Fox lawyers over evidence gap in libel case

By RANDALL CHASE
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — The judge presiding over a defamation case against Fox News admonished its attorneys Wednesday for potentially withholding evidence and said he is inclined to order an independent review by a special master that could lead to sanctions. The move by Delaware Superior Court Judge Eric Davis came amid a burst of fresh revelations in the \$1.6 billion defamation case filed by Dominion Voting Systems against the conservative network and its parent company, Fox Corp.

The judge expressed anger and frustration during a pretrial hearing after learning that Fox only recently turned over recordings of Fox Business host Maria Bartiromo talking with two lawyers for then-President Donald Trump, Sidney Powell and Rudy Giuliani. That came after the disclosure a day earlier that Fox lawyers had withheld critical information about the role company founder Rupert Murdoch, who is chairman of Fox Corp., played at Fox News. "I am very concerned that ... there have been misrepresentations to the court," Davis said.

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Dominion Voting ballot counting machines are lined up at a Tarrant County warehouse during a testing of election equipment in Estancia, N.M., on Sept. 29, 2022.

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The judge had expressed his displeasure at the late disclosure regarding Murdoch and became even more perturbed Wednesday when he was told that Fox also did not reveal the recordings made by a former producer for Bartiromo. The recordings were of conversations the host had with Giuliani and Powell before and after her show. Their existence surfaced in a lawsuit the former producer, Abby Grossberg, has filed against Fox alleging that the network's attorneys forced her to give misleading deposition testimony in an effort to protect the company in the defamation case.

In one pre-show conversation on Nov. 8, 2020, just days after the presidential election, Bartiromo asked Giuliani whether he had information about Dominion's software, which some people had alleged could be manipulated.

"That's a little harder. It's being analyzed right now," Giuliani responded.

A week later, Giuliani said on Bartiromo's show that the software had been developed by a company founded by Venezuelan strongman Hugo Chavez and had been used to cheat in elections in South America.

Colorado-based Dominion alleges that Fox damaged



Rupert Murdoch introduces Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during the Herman Kahn Award Gala on Oct. 30, 2019, in New York.

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the company by repeatedly airing false allegations that its machines and the software they used rigged the 2020 presidential election to prevent Trump's reelection. Records produced as part of the lawsuit show many executives and hosts didn't believe the claims, but aired them anyway.

There was no indication that the recent developments would delay the trial, which is scheduled to start Thursday with jury selection, but they dealt additional blows to Fox in a lawsuit that already has embarrassed the network. In part, it has

revealed how Fox used the false election claims to win back viewers who were angered after the network correctly called Arizona for Joe Biden on election night.

The judge on Wednesday said he was considering asking a special master to investigate actions taken by Fox attorneys after they had certified to the court in December that they had complied with their obligations to produce documents. That could include Fox failing to disclose the Grossberg recordings and a Bartiromo email.

Dominion attorney Davida

Brook told the judge that Dominion only recently learned that Powell had forwarded to Bartiromo an email Powell received in November 2020 from a woman who described a wide range of conspiracy theories, including those involving claims of election fraud.

In her deposition, Bartiromo said she didn't know if she even saw the email. "It's not anything I looked at or considered real," she said under oath.

But on Wednesday, the judge was shown an email confirming that Bartiromo not only read Powell's

email, but apparently discussed its contents with Trump's son, Eric Trump, and sent a reply to Powell: "I just spoke to Eric & told him you gave very imp info," Bartiromo wrote Powell.

Davis said he would allow Dominion to question Bartiromo under oath again, at Fox's expense, though there was no immediate indication from Dominion that it would do so.

The judge said he also was likely to ask a special master to investigate how Fox attorneys handled the issue of Rupert Murdoch's role at Fox News.

Fox Corp. had asserted since Dominion filed its lawsuit in 2021 that Murdoch had no official role at Fox News. In its filings, it had listed Fox News' officers as Jay Wallace, Joe Dorrego and Suzanne Scott, who is the network's chief executive officer. But on Sunday, Fox disclosed to Dominion's attorneys that Murdoch also is "executive chair" at Fox News.

The judge Wednesday ordered Fox attorneys to collect and preserve all internal communications regarding the matter. Earlier in the day, he denied Dominion's request to hold separate trials based on the new information about Murdoch's roles — one for Fox News and another for the network's parent company. □



A road bisects a wetland on June 20, 2019, near Kulm, N.D. Associated Press

By **SCOTT McFETRIDGE**
Associated Press
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday

temporarily blocked a federal rule in 24 states that is intended to protect thousands of small streams, wet-

Judge temporarily blocks clean water rule in 24 states

lands and other waterways throughout the nation.

U.S. District Judge Daniel L. Hovland in Bismarck, North Dakota, halted the regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by the 24 states, most of which are led by Republicans. The regulations were finalized in December 2022, repealing a rule implemented during President Donald Trump's administration but thrown out by federal courts.

Opponents of the regulations, which define which "waters of the United States" are protected by the Clean Water Act, have called the rules an example of federal overreach and argued they would unfairly burden farmers and ranchers.

In his 45-page order, Hovland wrote that the federal regulation "raises a litany of ... statutory and constitutional concerns and would cause great harm to the states."

"Once again, the courts have affirmed that the

Biden administration's WOTUS rule is overreaching and harmful to America's beef farmers and ranchers," said Todd Wilkinson, a South Dakota cattle producer and president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"Cattle producers in 26 states now have some additional certainty while this rule is being litigated and we are optimistic that the Supreme Court will provide nationwide clarity on the federal government's proper jurisdiction over water." □

White House wants rule to protect abortion patients' records

By AMANDA SEITZ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Wednesday proposed a new federal rule to limit how law enforcement and state officials collect medical records if they investigate women who flee their home states to seek abortions elsewhere.

The proposal, prompted by a string of blows to abortion across the country, comes as the White House is starting down a legal challenge to a commonly used abortion pill that could upend access to the care across the entire country by Friday.

Vice President Kamala Harris told reporters that it's one of several new actions the administration is taking to push back against a wave of abortion restrictions that have been introduced since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to an abortion. The administration is also launching a hotline for people to call and ask questions about prenatal, infant and reproductive care.

"The women in America in particular have been in a state of fear about what this means for them, what



Attorney General Merrick Garland, left, and Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, right, listen as Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during a meeting with a task force on reproductive health care access, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in Washington.

this means for the people they love," Harris said.

The White House's proposed rule would prohibit health care organizations from sharing personal medical records with authorities for investigations related to reproductive care in states where a woman legally obtained an abortion. While medical records are protected by federal privacy laws, health providers and

insurers can be compelled to turn over medical records with a court order.

Doctors around the country have voiced concerns about protecting that medical information from law enforcement officials, said Melanie Fontes Rainer, the director of the office of civil rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which proposed the rule change. The

public can weigh in on the proposed rule for the next 60 days.

"We've had many conversations with providers, major medical associations and patient advocates about what they're seeing on the ground and how the federal government can be helpful in ensuring medical records are kept private," she said in a statement.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to an abortion last year, some women living in a stretch of Southern and Midwestern states that have largely outlawed abortion now travel hours to other states to get abortions legally.

The federal health agency's new national phone number will provide information about prenatal, infant and abortion care as well as adoption, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra announced Wednesday. Becerra did not provide a phone number with his announcement.

The Biden administration is racing to roll out these new initiatives ahead of a pressing deadline imposed by a Texas judge that could revoke the Food and Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone, one of two drugs used in what is considered the most effective and safest way to carry out a medication abortion.

Texas Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk's order to pull the drug off the market goes into effect Friday, unless another court steps in. The Justice Department appealed the ruling on Monday. □

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An emerging threat: Drug mix of xylazine, fentanyl

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

The U.S. has named a veterinary tranquilizer as an "emerging threat" when it's mixed with the powerful opioid fentanyl, clearing the way for more efforts to stop the spread of xylazine. The Office of National Drug Control Policy announced the designation Wednesday, the first time the office has used it since the category for fast-growing drug dangers was created in 2019.

Dr. Rahul Gupta, director of the drug policy office, said xylazine (pronounced ZAI'-luh-zeen) has become

increasingly common in all regions of the country.

It was detected in about 800 drug deaths in the U.S. in 2020 most of them in the Northeast. By 2021, it was present in more than 3,000 fatalities with the most in the South according to a report last year from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"We cannot ignore what we're seeing," Gupta said. "We must act and act now." Xylazine was approved for veterinary use in 1971. Sometimes known as "tranq," it's been showing up in supplies of illicit drugs used by humans in major

quantities in only the last several years.

It's believed to be added to other drugs to increase profits. Officials are trying to understand how much of it is diverted from veterinary uses and how much is made illicitly.

The drug causes breathing and heart rates to slow down, sometimes to deadly levels, and causes skin abscesses and ulcers that can require amputation. Withdrawal is also painful. While it's often used in conjunction with opioids, including fentanyl and related illicit lab-made drugs, it's not an opioid. And there



Dr. Rahul Gupta, the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, walks outside of the White House, Nov. 18, 2021, in Washington.

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are no known antidotes. Gupta said his office is requesting \$11 million as part of its budget to develop a strategy to tackle the drug's spread. Plans include developing an

antidote, learning more about how it is introduced into illicit drug supplies so that can be disrupted, and looking into whether Congress should classify it as a controlled substance. □

Big flames, raining embers in New Jersey Pine Barrens fire

By **WAYNE PARRY**
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.J. (AP) — The 200-foot wall of flames, the burning embers landing miles away and the carloads of evacuees fleeing to shelter at a high school it all took place in New Jersey but could happen almost every part of the country this week due to dry conditions and strong winds that have raised the danger of forest fires.

As firefighters worked Wednesday to contain a fire that tore through 6 square miles of New Jersey's Pine Barrens, the National Weather Service issued so-called "red flag warnings" on Wednesday for 20 states spanning the nation. The agency cautioned that dry, windy conditions similar to those in New Jersey were increasing the danger of forest fires elsewhere, too.

The blaze in Manchester, near Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, forced the evacuation of around 170 homes late Tuesday, with police and fire officials going door-to-door to ask people to take temporary



In this photo provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, a massive 2,500-acre forest fire burns in Ocean County, N.J., early Wednesday, April 12, 2023, as firefighters battle the blaze.

shelter at a nearby high school. Helicopters were filling large containers with water from a nearby lake Wednesday and dropping it on the flames.

No one was injured and no homes were damaged, although firefighters said 20 structures were still considered threatened Wednesday

afternoon, by which time the fire had been 60% contained. "We saw the red glow in the sky, and every time the wind would shift, it got worse," said Jason Cylenea, who lives in the neighborhood closest to the fire. His wife, Cynthia Tiemper, said burning embers were landing in their

back yard Tuesday night, making them decide to evacuate even before the fire department knocked on their door at 10:45 p.m. "We left so fast I didn't even bring socks," she said. "It was like, 'You grab the dog, I'll grab this and let's go.' When we got back here this morning and saw

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that everything was still here, it was like prayers had been answered."

Although the state is not in a drought, there's no chance of rain until the weekend in the part of New Jersey where the fire is burning. The state on Wednesday banned campfires and imposed restrictions on charcoal or gas fires.

April is the peak month for forest fires in New Jersey, officials said. And despite its status as the nation's most densely populated state, 40% of the state is forest land. There are about 1,500 wildfires a year in New Jersey, according to the Forest Fire Service.

Forest fires are a common occurrence in the Pine Barrens, a 1.1 million-acre state and federally protected reserve about halfway between Philadelphia to the west and the Atlantic coast to the east. On Wednesday afternoon, the Forest Fire Service was responding to another blaze in West Milford in the northwest portion of the state near Route 23, but estimates of the size of that fire were not immediately available. □

Michigan researchers find 1914 shipwrecks in Lake Superior

By **KATHLEEN FOODY**
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Michigan researchers have found the wreckage of two ships that disappeared into Lake Superior in 1914 and hope the discovery will lead them to a third that sank at the same time, killing nearly 30 people aboard the trio of lumber-shipping vessels.

The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society announced the discoveries this month after confirming details with other researchers. Ric Mixer, a board member of the society and a maritime historian, called witnessing the discoveries "a career highlight."

"It not only solved a chapter in the nation's darkest day in lumber history, but also showcased a team of historians who have dedicated their lives towards

making sure these stories aren't forgotten," Mixer said.

The vessels owned by the Edward Hines Lumber Company sank into the ice-cold lake on Nov. 18, 1914, when a storm swept through as they moved lumber from Baraga, Michigan, to

Tonawanda, New York. The steamship C.F. Curtis was towing the schooner barges Selden E. Marvin and Annie M. Peterson; all 28 people aboard were killed. The society's team found the wreck of the Curtis during the summer of 2021 and the Marvin a year later



In this image taken from video provided by the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, lettering identifying the wrecked ship as property of the Edward Hines Lumber Company is seen in Lake Superior in August 2022.

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within a few miles of the first discovery. The organization operates a museum in Whitefish Point and regularly runs searches for shipwrecks, aiming to tell "the lost history of all the Great Lakes" with a focus on Lake Superior, said Corey Adkins, the society's content and communications director.

"One of the things that makes us proud when we discover these things is helping piece the puzzle together of what happened to these 28 people," Adkins said. "It's been 109 years, but maybe there are still some family members that want to know what happened. We're able to start answering those questions."

Both wrecks were discovered about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Grand Marais, Michigan, farther

into the lake than the 1914 accounts suggested the ships sank, Adkins said. There was also damage to the Marvin's bow and the Curtis' stern, making researchers wonder whether a collision contributed, he said. "Those are all questions we want to consider when we go back out this summer," Adkins said.

Video footage from the Curtis wreckage showed the maintained hull of the steamship, its wheel, anchor, boiler and still shining gauges all preserved by Lake Superior's cold waters, along with other artifacts.

Another recording captured the team's jubilant cheers as the words "Selden E. Marvin" on the hull came into clear view for the first time on a video feed shot by an underwater drone at the barge wreck site. □

U.N.: Year is off to a deadly start for migrants crossing Med

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — The first three months of 2023 were the deadliest first quarter in six years for migrants crossing the central Mediterranean Sea in smugglers' boats, the U.N. migration agency reported Wednesday, citing nations' delays in initiating rescues as a contributing factor.

The International Organization for Migration documented 441 migrant deaths along the dangerous sea route between northern Africa and Europe's southern shores during January, February and March.

In 2017, 742 known deaths were documented in the same period, while 446 were recorded in the first three months of 2015.

"The persisting humanitarian crisis in the central Mediterranean is intolerable," IOM Director General Antonio Vitorino, commenting on the figures the agency released in a report.

"With more than 20,000 deaths recorded on this route since 2014, I fear that these deaths have been normalized," Vitorino said. "States must respond. Delays and gaps in state-led SAR (search-and-rescue areas) are costing human lives."

While this year has started out on a distressing note, IOM tallied higher numbers of people dead or missing in the Mediterranean in six other quarters since 2017, with the most documented in the second quarter of 2018, at 1,430

The true number of lives lost among migrants who set out on smugglers' unseaworthy rubber dinghies or decrepit fishing boats is unknown because the bodies of people who perish at sea often are never recovered.



A ship carrying some 700 migrants enters the Sicilian port of Catania, Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Associated Press

Many deaths only come to light when survivors recount that their vessel set out with more passengers than the number who ultimately making it to safety.

The International Organization for Migration said it also was investigating "several reports of invisible shipwrecks" — cases in which boats are reported missing, where there are no records of survivors, remains or search-and-rescue operations.

It estimated that "the fates of more than 300 people aboard these vessels remain unclear."

Without naming nations, the agency blasted policies aimed at complicating the work of rescue boats operated in the central Mediterranean by humanitarian organizations.

The report cited a March 25 incident in which members of the Libyan Coast Guard fired shots in the air as a charity rescue boat, Ocean Viking, was responding to a report of a rubber dinghy in distress.

"State efforts to save lives must include supporting the efforts of NGO actors to provide lifesaving assistance and ending the criminalization, obstruction of those efforts" by humanitarian groups, the IOM said. The agency's report said the deaths of at least 127 people so far this year

came in six incidents in which "delays in state-led rescues in the Central Mediterranean were a factor." The report's authors lamented the "complete absence of response" in a seventh situation, in which at least 73 migrants lost their lives.

The authors also cited a boat carrying some 400 migrants that remained adrift in the sea between Malta and Italy for two days before the Italian Coast Guard came to its aid.

Italy's governments have at times impounded charity-run boats for technical reasons or, as the country's current right-wing government is doing now, required them to disembark their rescued passengers farther away from the southernmost ports that jut out into the Mediterranean.

On Tuesday, Italy's far-right premier, Giorgia Meloni, and her Cabinet declared a six-month state of emergency to cope with the country's latest increase in migrant arrivals.

Among the goals of her coalition, which includes the stridently anti-migrant leader of the League Party, are efforts to step repatriation of migrants who aren't eligible for asylum. Many of the asylum-seekers who reach Italy are fleeing poverty not war or persecution and see their applications

denied.

According to the Italian Interior Ministry, 31,192 migrants had arrived in Italy by sea this year as of Tuesday.

The figure didn't include some 700 migrants crowded aboard a smugglers' boat that apparently ran out of fuel and got towed Wednesday morning to a port in Sicily under an Italian Coast Guard escort.

Migrants aboard that vessel cheered and shouted "Beautiful Italy," when they reached Catania, Italian state TV reported.

Italy for years has sought to prod fellow European Union nations to take more of the rescued migrants who step ashore in Mediterranean countries, many with the aim of finding jobs or family members in northern Europe.

Under current EU rules, the country where asylum-seekers first arrive is responsible for them.

"The situation in the Mediterranean has been a humanitarian crisis for over a decade now," IOM spokesperson Safa Msehli said Wednesday. "And the fact that deaths continue on its own is very alarming, but the fact that that's increased is extremely alarming because it means that very little concrete action was taken to address the issue." □

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Mexican immigration agency chief to be charged in fatal fire

By **FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ, SONIA PÉREZ D. and MARÍA VERZA**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's top immigration official will face criminal charges in a fire that killed 40 migrants in Ciudad Juarez last month, with federal prosecutors saying he was remiss in not preventing the disaster despite earlier indications of problems at his agency's detention centers.

The decision to file charges against Francisco Garduño, the head of Mexico's National Immigration Institute, was announced late Tuesday by the federal Attorney General's Office.

It followed repeated calls from within Mexico, and from some Central American nations, not to stop the case at the five low-level officials, guards and a Venezuelan migrant already facing homicide charges in the case.

On Wednesday, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said that even though the Attorney General's Office was investigating Garduño, prosecutors had revealed few details and it was not exactly clear



Foreign Ministry officers hold portraits beside the coffins of Guatemalan migrants whose remains arrived at La Aurora Air Force Base in Guatemala City, Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

what they would charge him with.

"We are going to wait and we are going to make decisions in the (right) moment," López Obrador said. Anger initially focused on two guards who were seen fleeing the March 27 fire, without unlocking the cell door to allow the migrants to escape. But President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said earlier Tuesday

that they didn't have the keys.

The Attorney General's Office said several other officers of Garduño's agency will also face charges for failing to carry out their duties, the statement said, but prosecutors did not explain what specific charges or identify the officials. Prosecutors said the case showed a "pattern of irresponsibility"

The press office of the immigration agency that Garduño heads did respond to messages and phone calls requesting comment.

Prosecutors said that after a fire at another detention center in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco killed one person and injured 14 in 2020, the immigration agency knew there were problems which needed to be corrected. but alleged

they failed to act. There have long been complaints about corruption and bad conditions at Mexico's migrant detention facilities, but they have never been seriously addressed.

López Obrador's comments about the guards in last month's fire in the border city of Ciudad Juarez came on the same day that the bodies of 17 Guatemalan migrants and six Hondurans killed in the fire were flown back to their home countries.

It was unclear what effect López Obrador's comments might have on the trial of the guards, who were detained previously over the fire.

"The door was closed, because the person who had the keys wasn't there," López Obrador said.

A video from a security camera inside the facility shows guards walking away when the fire started in late March inside the cell holding migrants.

The guards are seen hurrying away as smoke fills the facility, and they did not appear to make any effort to release the migrants. □

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Taliban say there's no obstacles for U.N. work in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Taliban's chief spokesman said Wednesday there are no obstacles for the U.N. to function in Afghanistan, after they barred Afghan women from working at the global body.

Last week, the country's Taliban rulers took a step further in the restrictive measures they have imposed on women and said that female Afghan staffers employed with the U.N. mission can no longer report for work. The ban is being actively enforced by the country's intelligence agency, which reports to the Taliban's leadership in Kandahar.

The U.N. says it cannot accept the decision, calling it unlawful and an unparalleled violation of women's rights. It says women are

crucial for the delivery of life-saving aid to millions of Afghans, and has instructed its national staff, male and female, to stay at home.

Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban-led government's chief spokesman and part

of the supreme leader's inner circle, denied authorities were to blame for Afghanistan's many crises.

The decision to bar Afghan women from working at the U.N. was an internal matter and should be respected by all sides, Mujahid said,

as he set out the Taliban's position and demands to the international community.

"This decision does not mean there is discrimination here, or that the activities of the United Nations are blocked. On the contrary, we are committed to all the rights of all our countrymen, taking into account their religious and cultural interests.

"Considering the emergency situation in Afghanistan, it is necessary for the member countries of the United Nations to resolve the problem of frozen Afghan assets, banking, travel bans and other restrictions as soon as possible so that Afghanistan can progress in economic, political and security areas. Afghans have the capacity to stand on

their own feet."

Aid agencies have been providing food, education and health care support to Afghans in the wake of the Taliban takeover and the economic collapse that followed it.

But distribution has been severely affected by a Taliban edict banning women from working at non-governmental organizations and, now, also at the U.N, allegedly because they weren't wearing the hijab, or Islamic headscarf correctly, or following gender segregation.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abdul Qahar Balkhi, called the order barring Afghan women from NGO and U.N. work "an internal values-based issue" that is not harming others. □



Afghan women chant and hold signs of protest during a demonstration in Kabul, Afghanistan, March 26, 2022.

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The beautification work began the 11th of April on Columbusstraat and Wilhelminastraat

Oranjestad - Minister Geofrey Wever of Economic Affairs, Communication, and Sustainable Development and the Public Works Department, recently met with companies in the Columbusstraat and Wilhelminastraat area to inform them about the beautification work that began on April 11.

The entrepreneurs were allowed to provide feed-

back and suggestions to facilitate the work but also requested to inform them of the progress and any delays in the project.

After months of preparations and coordination between the DOW, the contractor, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, everything is finally ready and the beautification of Columbusstraat and Wilhelminastraat can begin. "It

was not easy to reach this point, but it was necessary to meet the target set in the government program 2021-2025 for the revitalization of the center of Oranjestad," Minister Wever said.

The work will start in Columbusstraat and next in part of Wilhelminastraat and has a duration of 50 days.

In the coming days, the DOW will provide more in-



formation about this project and announce the alternative route for traffic.

Minister Geoffrey Wever assured those present that communication between

stakeholders will remain open to ensure that the work proceeds according to schedule and thus limit any potential disruption during the work. □

Announcement of Open Day at Aruba's Marine Barracks in Savaneta

The Marine Barracks in Savaneta will once again open their doors for the public on May 1st 2023. After four years there was no possibility for an Open Day; finally it has come so far again. Everybody is most welcome to have a look from 10:00 o'clock till 16:00 o'clock at the Royal Navy.

Also our Security Partners, such as the Coastguard Dutch Caribbean Region, Police Force Aruba, Fire Department and the Department for Disaster Relief (Bureau Rampenbestrijding) Aruba, will be present during the whole day.

During the Open Day there you can see several demonstrations from the Royal Navy, as well as from the Security Partners. Visitors can grab a bite to eat at the food courts and browse the various market stalls. There is also a Superlottery with great prizes. Proceeds from the tickets sold will go

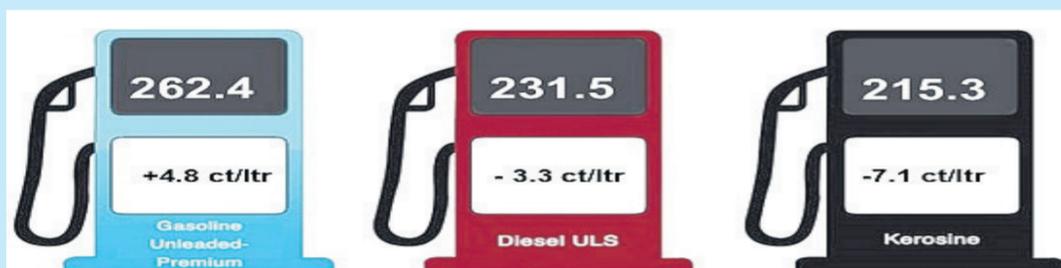


to two charities: "Trampolin pa Trabao" & the Foundation "Stichting Muchila Creative". Radio stations CoolFM & FreshFM will provide for live music on site during the Open Day.

Follow the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Opendagmarinierskazerne> to be abreast of the news around the Open Day. Register for the event on Facebook [<https://fb.me/e/4IU0Dh9Em>] and receive the latest news immediately. □

New prices for petroleum products as of April 12th



Oranjestad - The Minister of Economic Affairs, Communications and Sustainable Developments has issued an announcement regarding petroleum products and their prices on the island.

This adjustment to the prices of petroleum prod-

ucts started taking effect yesterday the 12th of April.

With these adjustments, the price of Gasoline unleaded premium increased with 4,8 cents making the total price 262,4 cents per liter. Gasoil LS saw a decrease of

3,3 cents, taking the total price down to 231,5 cents per liter and Kerosene saw a decrease of 7,1 cents making the total price 215,3 cents per liter.

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Alto Vista Winery: a family business, beautiful scenery and wine tasting



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Aruba Today had the pleasure of joining a tour of the Alto Vista Winery, an immersive experience including a walk in nature, lots of behind-the-scenes information, idyllic scenery and rum and wine tasting.

The winery is situated on a hill close to the Alto Vista chapel, from which it got its name. The scenery is romantic, peaceful and visually stunning, and the size of the vineyard is almost hard to correlate to what is usually associated with Aruba. Here, wine is made from grape to bottle.

The tour starts with a walk in nature, where you can appreciate the original terrain on which the winery is built, as well as a beautiful view of the mondi – Aruba's wilderness. Taking this into consideration, wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to navigate a mildly rocky terrain with some spiky plants.

Afterwards we saw the vineyard with plants at different stages of growth. The newest grapes were minuscule, and the red grapes had yet to achieve their final color. Following the path through the vineyard we arrived at the sugar cane plantation for the distillation of the Red Star Rum. The red star is a reference to the Aruban flag. We went in the afternoon as the sun was setting and the tranquil atmosphere and the warm colors of the sunshine made the plantation look like something of a postcard.

The Alto Vista Winery has been making win since 2019, but only recently began opening their doors for visitors to take a tour. The winery is owned by David Kock and it's a true family business. During the tour we met his son, who walked us through the vineyard, where they grow four different varieties of grapes. He explained the challenges of growing grapes in Aruba and how they overcame them, and he was very knowledgeable, easily fielding questions from amateurs and connoisseurs alike.

We were shown the distillery and got to sample a Strea, which is a deliciously refreshing rum cocktail to cool down after our walk in the sun.

Our tour was interrupted for a moment as there were some playful, small, chubby puppies that came up to the children in the group. With delight, everyone took a moment to play with the puppies, before our tour guide gently directed us to the next part: the wine tasting.

Here we sampled the four wines made by Alto Vista Winery: French Columbard, Chenin Blanc, Orange Columbard/Chenin blend, Tempranillo and Syrah, each accompanied by a select cheese. The Orange Columbard/Chenin blend was a surprise and the favorite in our group, and the sommelier – whose son led the rum sampling – explained that it is made in a special way using the peel of the grape. It is said that wine originating from Aruba has a “salty tinge”, as some wine in the region does, infused with the essence of the sea, something that makes the flavor unique.



Aruba Today spoke with David Kock, owner of Alto Vista Winery. He told us the idea for Alto Vista Winery actually started with the distillery. However, a special permit was necessary for a distillery, and the process for this permit took a very long time. As they were waiting for the permit, David saw in a newspaper that there was a project in Curaçao to cultivate grapes in order to make wine. “But the reason it was in the news was because it was closing, because they got problems with the airport – this because they had it right beside the airport.” And the airport was concerned that the vineyard attracts birds that can have a negative impact on the airplanes, so they had to shut down. David approached them – and as he is a lawyer, they thought he was interested in taking the case. But instead, he convinced them to use their knowledge to come help them set up in Aruba – that was five years ago.

It takes years for the grape plants to grow and produce the right fruit.

Covid also brought challenges. David says that he needs people to come from abroad to help because Aruba is lacking in expertise. People come from either the Netherlands or as students from Mendoza, Argentina, to help in the winery. However, during the pandemic there were no flights to bring people, and during this year, David had to take care of the entire production. “The entire thing is an adventure!”

Years passed and the grapes yielded, the wine fermented, and now it is time to begin seeing the fruits of their investments. Thus the winery is open for visits!

To experience the tour, or to order a bottle of rum or wine, you can visit their website <https://www.altovistawinery.com/>.



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Aruba Tourism Authority honored a loyal visitor at the Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognize a Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba. This visitor was respectfully honored with a certificate acknowledging her years of visits, loyalty, and love to the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Ma-sha Danki" to guests whom have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

- Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
- Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
- Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honoree was:

Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba
 Ms. Ali Paige Isaacman from Pennsylvania, United States.

Ms. Ali Paige has been visiting the island of Aruba with her family since she was only 10 weeks old, and today we mark her 25th consecutive visit to Aruba!

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club bestowed the Goodwill Ambassador Certification to the honoree, presented her with gifts, and also expressed gratitude to her family for bringing Ms. Ali Paige along with them to Aruba since she was a baby for so many consecutive years.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Ms. Ali Paige were:

- All the great people who live and work in Aruba
- The consistent beautiful weather
- The fantastic beach boat rides; water activities
- Shopping
- Aruba's variety of restaurants to choose from



Beauty & THE BEACH

Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

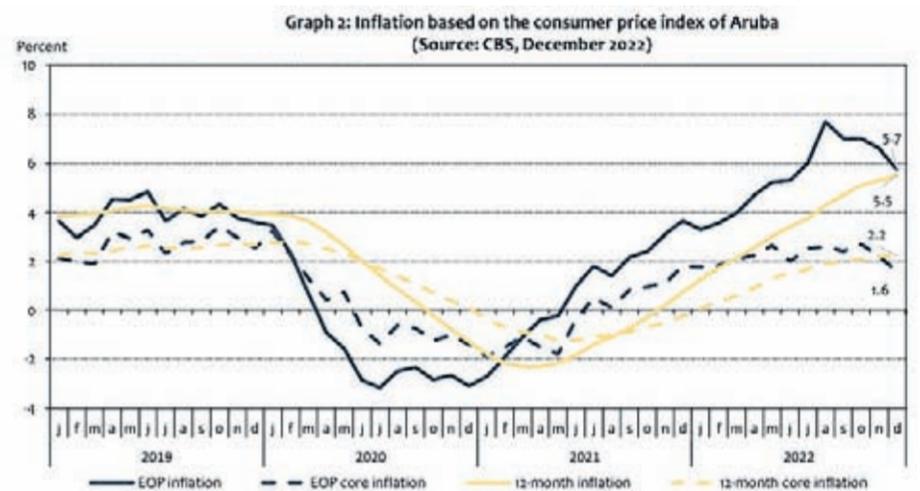
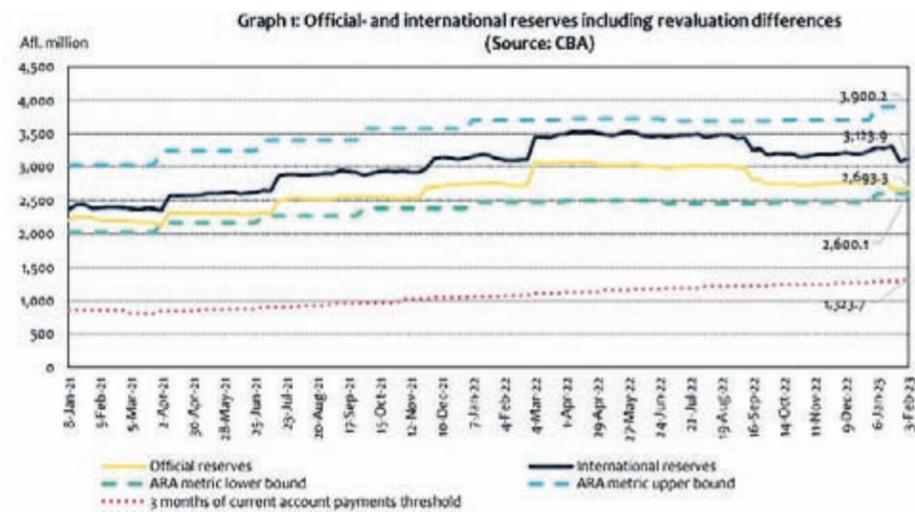
In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Nancy and David from Colorado, U.S.A.** They have been coming to Aruba for 20 years now and they said they love everything about the island. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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The Central Bureau of Statistics presents The most important findings for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) For the month of February 2023



Consumer Price Index for the month of February 2023

The CPI for February 2023 is 107.59, an increase of 0.8% compared to the index of January 2023 (106.69).

The percentage change of the CPI over the last twelve (12) months (February 2022 to February 2023) is 7.1, an increase of 3.6 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (3.5%).

The period average (last 24 months) percentage change of the CPI for the periods February 2021 to February 2022 and February 2022 to February 2023 is 6.1%, an increase of 4.4 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the periods February 2020 to February 2021 and February 2021 to February 2022 (1.7%).

During this month, eight (8)

of the twelve (12) sectors registered increases in prices. The increases that had the greatest influence on the CPI were registered for the "Transport" (3.9%) and "Recreation and culture" (2.3%) sectors, which contributed with an effect of 0.53 and 0.21 ppts, respectively. The increases in the remaining sectors had an effect of 0.39 ppts on the CPI of February 2023.

The increase in the category "Operation of personal transport equipment" (6.5%), which contributed to an effect of 0.53 ppts. The increase in the "Recreation and culture" sector was mainly due to an increase of 10.4% in the category "Holidays", which contributed to an effect of 0.26 ppts.

The decrease in the "Restaurants and hotels" sector was due to a decrease in the category "Accommodation services" (-65.7%),

which contributed to an effect of -0.17 ppts. The decrease in the "Housing" sector was due to a decrease in the category "Maintenance and repair of the dwelling" (-2.8%), which contributed to an effect of -0.15 ppts.

Consumption basket

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 408 goods and services. Compared to January 2023, 50.0% of these products had an increase in price, causing an effect of 1.62 ppts, while 35.5% showed a decrease, contributing to an effect of -0.78 ppts and the remaining 14.5% had no change in price. The prices of goods increased by 0.9% and caused an influence of 0.56 ppts. The prices of services showed an increase of 0.7% and had an influence of 0.28 ppts on the CPI of February 2023.

Subsistence level

The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect of energy and food - was 3.2% in February 2023. The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel - was 16.0%. The food index showed an increase of 11.6%.

What is CPIC?

The CPIC (core inflation) is a portion of the inflation where certain items, which have volatile price movements are excluded, such as food products and energy. When calculating the core inflation, the most volatile components are eliminated from the inflation. The core inflation index is used to assess the medium and long-term trends of the general level of prices. For purposes of economic policy-making, especially monetary poli-

cy, many economists focus on the proportion of the core inflation, as this allows a more in-depth evaluation of the recent inflation developments in the economy. The annual average of the CPI is used to calculate the CPIC.

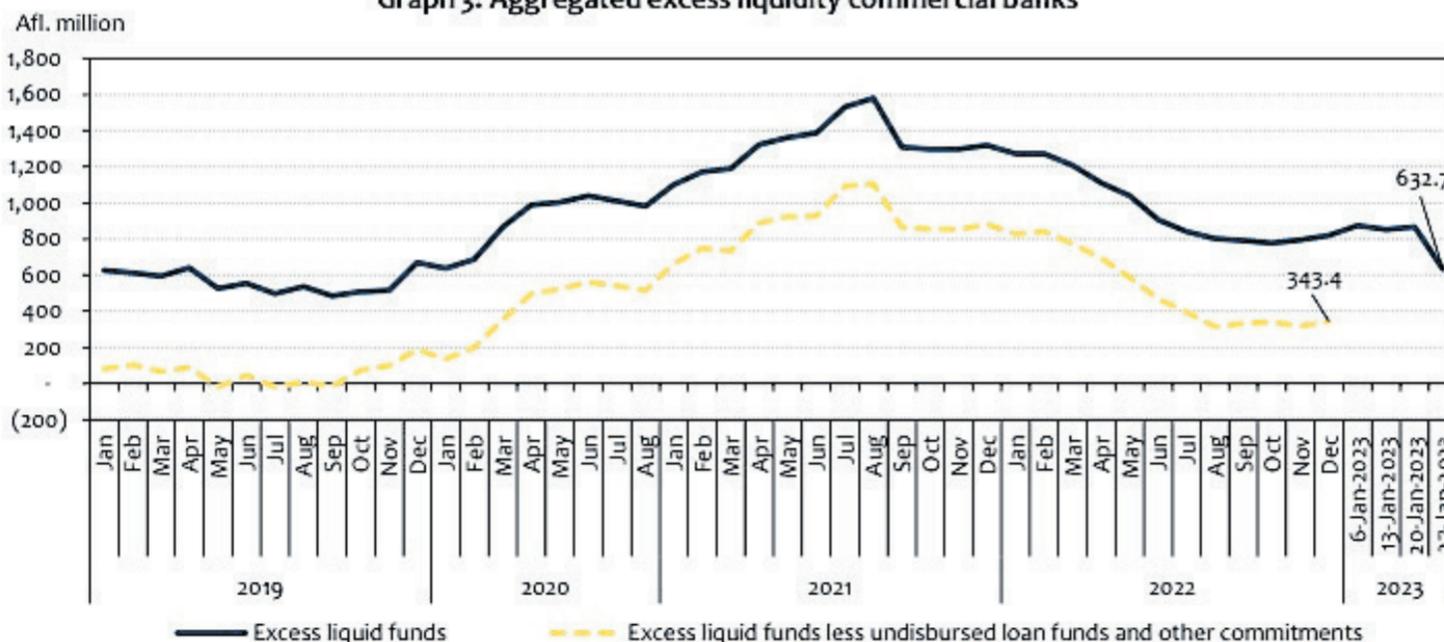
The CPIC is calculated by comparing the average index for the most recent 12-month period compared with the preceding 12-month period.

The three main uses of a CPI are:

1. a calculation method to compensate employees due to the loss of purchasing power, adjusting their salaries, with the percentage change rate of the CPI, which is known as indexation.
2. a tool used in National Accounts to adjust components of the gross domestic product (GDP) from nominal terms to real terms. (For example, by eliminating the effect of the price changes from the consumption value)
3. a means commonly used by governments and central banks to set inflation targets.

The subsistence level for a household consisting of two (2) adults and two (2) children (aged 0-15 years) in February 2023 is Afl. 5,393, an increase of Afl. 30 compared to January 2023 (Afl. 5,363). The subsistence level for a single adult household is Afl. 2,568, an increase of Afl. 14 compared to January 2023 (Afl. 2,554).

Graph 3: Aggregated excess liquidity commercial banks



History of fishing in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Fishing has been a family tradition for ages in Aruba. Our ancestors used to fish for a living. Even though nowadays you don't see them often we still have some passionate fishermen on the island that go out every day in search for fish to feed their families and serve our local market. One of these fisherman is Gregory Wernet.

The so-called Continental Bank between Aruba and the opposite coast reaches a depth of about 650 feet. The sea is very rich in fish here. Since the time of the indigenous native people fish and other sea creatures such as turtles, octopus squids, conch and many type of crustaceans have formed a means of subsistence for the native Aruban inhabitants. Especially along the west coast of the island where the fishing grounds are settlements of fishermen. Until the arrival of the oil industry Aruban fishermen could supply Aruba's wants.

As a source of income, however, fishing did not amount too much. In the beginning of the 1900's approximately 160 people earn their living in this branch of this industry. Rancho, which stands for a shed, nowadays east Oranjestad, was

the head quarter and remains the fishermen's settlement. Savaneta, Noord, Santa Cruz all had their fishermen's villages. At a rough estimate there were about a hundred small fishing boats during that time. The Arubans were mainly engaged in coastal fishing, using rowing-boats or small sailing-boats, and lines or dragnets and canisters in shallow water. When fishing with deep-sea lines just over the bottom of the sea the boat is kept in place by means of a piece of rock serving as an anchor. The two most important species of fish by far caught in this manner are the parago or red snappers and a variety of groupers like the mero, jeanpao and the wowo di boyo.

Cruising off the coast the Aruban fisherman patiently waits for a fish willing to snap at the bait on the drag-line, in nets and traps. Veritable giants are sometimes caught. Barracudas weigh from 9 to 44 pounds and measure from 3 to almost 7 feet. The king-fish has a weight from 22 to 44 pounds; the moclat may tip the scales at 155, whilst garfish, having a length of nine feet, weigh over 132 pounds. Most fish caught is used for their own consumption, to feed their



families and some are being sold in the market to local restaurants.

Fisherman Gregory Wernet

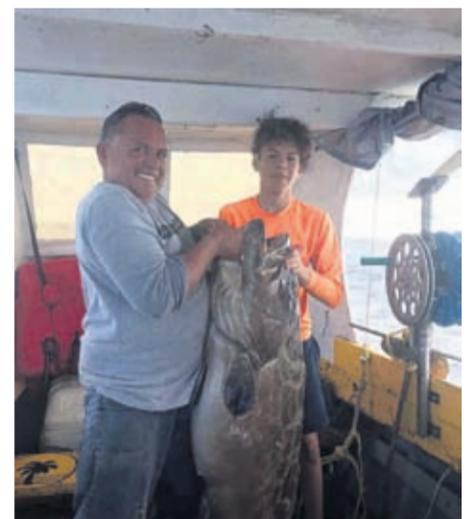
Gregory Wernet is a well-known fisherman from Santa Cruz. His father taught him fishing when he was a small child. Gregory has two sons, Jordan and Jordanny, which he taught fishing too, when they were only 3 years old and he takes them fishing with him. Fishing has been a family tradition for quite a long time and even his grandson Willvion of 7 years old is following his grandfather steps. This is the sixth generation of fishermen in their family.

They go deep sea fishing. There they catch red snapper, grouper and amberjack. They usually fish for 15 hours a day, but now due to the covid-19 measurements they go fishing from 5 in the morning until 8 o'clock at night or even sometimes from 8 at night till 5 in the morning. The day before they prepare all their fishing tools such as the Lines, lures, spears, and load their boat with fishing reels, batteries, fill the gasoline tank, lights and some food and beverages. For bait he uses sardines, squid and the small fish known in Aruba as piskechi. They have two boats they use for fishing. 'Virgen del Valle' which is parked at the pier by the Seaport and 'Padrot' which they have at home.

The fish they catch they take home to their families and they also sell it to their clients. Gregory is proud to be a fisherman. It is a honest and humble job but with it he is able to feed his family even during hard times. It is a very dangerous job and you have to spend many hours on the sea, waiting patiently and risking your life while fighting a big fish and big waves but the adrenaline it brings with it but also just sitting

there listening to the sound of the waves and enjoying the marvelous view that nature has to offer is all worth it.

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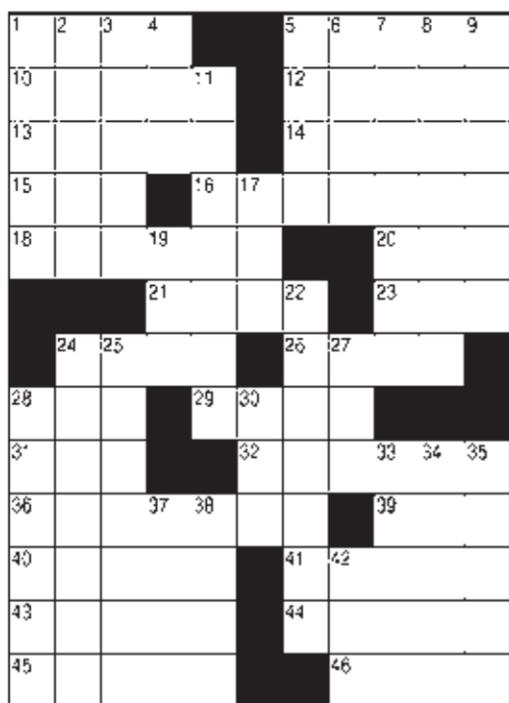
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONCE THERE WAS A THING CALLED SPRING WHEN THE WORLD WAS WRITING VERSES LIKE YOURS AND MINE. ELLA FITZGERALD

Small business owners feel the credit crunch

By MAE ANDERSON and ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — When Nat West, owner of cider-making company Reverend Nat's Hard Cider, decided to supplement his wholesale business by opening a taproom in a bustling neighborhood in Portland, Oregon, he thought getting financing would be a breeze. After all, he was only seeking \$50,000, has been in business for 11 years, and takes in more than \$1 million in annual revenue. In February and March, West reached out to three lenders he had previously gotten financing from, including one where he has an existing line of credit. To his surprise, he was rejected. "I feel like it's really weird, it's such a small amount of money for a business that has so much ongoing, sustained revenue and has been in the same community for a long time," he said. West isn't alone. Borrowing for small businesses was already constrained due to rising interest rates. □

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Angie Dickinson is (almost) ready for TCM's Film Festival

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

Angie Dickinson has quite a few stories about her star-making role in Howard Hawks' "Rio Bravo," that she is ready to regale audiences with at the TCM Classic Film Festival on Thursday in Hollywood.

She was 27 when she played Feathers, the quick-witted and strong-willed widow who stole scenes from the likes of John Wayne with lines like "Hey Sheriff, you forgot your pants." And in the 64 years since "Rio Bravo" debuted, she has not tired of it in the least.

"I could watch it once a week," Dickinson said from her home in Los Angeles. "It's a delicious movie."

But before she sits down to revisit one of her most treasured roles, the sharp, funny 91-year-old cinema legend has one little problem: She hasn't yet decided what to wear for her chat with TCM host Ben Mankiewicz.

"I could talk about 'Rio Bravo' forever, but that's not the problem," she said. "The problem is getting all done up and finding a nice outfit for it. That's not easy." Dickinson counts getting cast as Feathers as the happiest moment in her



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows John Wayne as Sheriff John T. Chance, left, and Angie Dickinson as Feathers in a scene from "Rio Bravo."

career and "one of the best memories of my life." Though she was intimidated to share the screen with Wayne, a movie star and her political opposite, they got along well, and he put her at ease.

"He was so generous. He would just lean on that rifle and he never, ever showed any impatience," she said. "For all the scenes, especially the big one where I cry at the end for him, he just was as helpful as he could be by just being patient."

Hawks was a different story,

but she liked "most" of the experience of working with him.

"He wasn't a man of words," she said.

Her life didn't change immediately when the film came out, however.

"It came out rather quietly. Not much hoopla about it," Dickinson said. "I remember one of my closest friends, she was kind of a mentor and we played poker every Saturday night. She said, 'I saw your film.' That was it. I think she was not impressed. It's like 'thanks a lot.' But it worked out OK.

Because of television it lives on."

Dickinson retired from acting over a decade ago and hasn't been tempted to come back. She also said no one has been knocking at her door either. "I couldn't do those long hours, you know?" she said. But she's also leaving the door open for possibilities: "Now watch me take a movie next week."

Mankiewicz, who has interviewed her many times over the years, loves talking to Dickinson, who is both full of stories and ad-

mirably protective of the people she was close to. She famously declined a publisher's request to write a dishier memoir, but she'll also still play the game with a self-deprecating wink.

"Right away you know there's authenticity to her. She's just herself in every way," Mankiewicz said. "It's very refreshing. You feel like you're having a conversation."

The "Rio Bravo" screening and discussion marks the world premiere of a new 4K restoration of the film, done in partnership with Martin Scorsese's The Film Foundation and as part of the 100th anniversary of Warner Bros. Steven Spielberg and Paul Thomas Anderson are also planning to take the stage as part of the celebration. Pola Changnon, TCM's general manager, said that over the past year they worked alongside the Film Foundation and Warner Bros. to identify 10 titles in the studio's vast library to either restore or upgrade to be shown at the festival.

The festival will close Sunday with a full day of movies, including "The Big Chill," with Lawrence Kasdan, Tom Berenger and JoBeth Williams leading a talk before. □

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Ariana DeBose to host Tony Awards for 2nd consecutive year

By **MARK KENNEDY**
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ariana DeBose's stint as host of last year's Tony Awards went so well that she's been asked to return this year.

The Academy Award winner and Tony Award nominee will lead the June 11 celebration from New York City's uptown United Palace theater live on CBS and on Paramount+.

"I was honored to serve as host last year and even more so to be asked back," DeBose said in a statement. "So looking forward to celebrating this incredible season and the people who make the work happen." Tony nominations will be announced May 2.

DeBose is a theater veter-

an, with roles in "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical," "Hamilton," "A Bronx Tale," "Pippin," "Motown the Musical," "Bring It On: The Musical" and "Company." She won an Oscar for her role in Steven Spielberg's remake of "West Side Story" and can be seen in the new season of "Schmigadoon!" on Apple TV+.

"A Strange Loop" took the best new musical crown at the last Tony Awards. Joaquina Kalukango won for best leading actress in a musical, and Myles Frost moonwalked away with the award for best lead actor in a musical for playing Michael Jackson.

At that Tonys, DeBose broached the subject of

diversity and representation on Broadway, saying it was becoming "more reflective of the community that adores it." She noted the season was full of Black creative voices both on and offstage, and that two Broadway theaters were being renamed for the great Black performers James Earl Jones and Lena Horne. And she quipped that she sees the phrase "The Great White Way," as Broadway has long been called, to be a nickname "as opposed to a how-to guide."

She received some backlash on social media after performing an original rap in honor of the female nominees at the Feb. 19 BAFTA Awards show in London.

Her performance mixed a high-energy medley of Eurythmics' "Sisters Are Doin' It for Themselves" and Sister Sledge's "We Are Family" with a rap number that

named-checked famous actors like Angela Bassett, Viola Davis and Jamie Lee Curtis.

"I had a blast," she said later. □



Ariana DeBose arrives at the Oscars, March 12, 2023, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Pelicans' Zion Williamson in a 'mental battle' to play again

By **BRETT MARTEL**
AP Sports Writer

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — All-Star forward Zion Williamson said he won't return to the New Orleans Pelicans' lineup until he's confident his body will respond well to the way he wants to play. "Physically, I'm fine," Williamson, who injured his right hamstring in early January, said Tuesday. "Now it's just a matter of when I feel like Zion."

"I can pretty much do everything, but it's just a matter of the level that I was playing at before my hamstring," Williamson continued. "I don't want to go out there and be in my own head and affect the team when I can just be on the sideline supporting them more, because I know myself. If I was to go out there, I would be in my head. I would hesitate on certain moves and it could affect the game."

Williamson's extended absence looms particularly large now, with New Orleans hosting Oklahoma City in a do-or-die, Western Conference play-in game on Wednesday night. The loser is done for the season while the winner survives to play at least once more on Friday night for the right to enter the first-round of the playoffs as the conference's eighth seed and



New Orleans Pelicans forward Zion Williamson, center, sits on the bench between guard Jose Alvarado, left, and forward Brandon Ingram during the first half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in Denver.

face top-seeded Denver. Williamson said he has to overcome "a little bit of a mental battle" because of a setback in his recovery that prevented him from participating in the All-Star Game.

"When I reaggravated it back in February, it was tough. So, when I got to make certain moves, there is that hesitation," Williamson said.

"I understand the magnitude of these games coming up and I don't want to be out there hesitating or doing something that may

affect my team in a bad way."

Williamson's anxiety about re-injury is understandable, given how his first four NBA seasons have gone since he was selected first overall out of Duke in the 2019 NBA draft.

He played in just 24 games as a rookie, mostly because of a left knee injury. He missed all of his third season because of a broken right foot and played in just 29 games during the 2022-23 regular season.

The only time he's appeared in as many as 30

games was his second season, when he played in 61. When available, the 6-foot-6, 280-pound Williamson has been among the most productive players in the NBA, averaging nearly 26 points and seven rebounds in 114 career games. He can handle the ball and run the floor like a guard or wing player, soar to the hoop for rim-rattling dunks and muscle his way into shooting positions from the post often hitting off-balance, short-range shots between multiple defenders. The Pelicans missed the

playoffs during Williamson's first two seasons. When they finally made it last season, he could only cheer on his teammates from the sideline. The promise the club showed late last season gave Williamson enough confidence in the club's future to sign a rookie max extension worth close to \$200 million during the next five seasons.

Now another postseason has arrived, and Williamson is again unavailable to play for now. Williamson said the decision on his return is not his alone and will be made in concert with the team. On Friday, Pelicans Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations David Griffin said Williamson would not likely be ready to play until some time during the first round of the playoffs at the earliest and there's no guarantee New Orleans will make it that far. Meanwhile, Williamson has had to listen to basketball fans and pundits alike question his commitment to stay in shape and his determination to get back on the court.

"I don't know how else to say it. It just sucks.

"I love this game," Williamson said. "For those people that think that I just want to sit on the sideline just to sit over there, I don't know why people think that." □

Jake Paul, Nate Diaz announce August boxing match

By **MARK ANDERSON**
AP Sports Writer

YouTube star Jake Paul will take on UFC veteran Nick Diaz in an eight-round, 185-pound boxing match on Aug. 5 in Dallas.

Paul tweeted that day will be a "funeral for Nathaniel Diaz as we send him back to" UFC President Dana White. "Refreshments will be provided at the service. Black Tie Attire."

That Twitter post was the latest in a back-and-forth exchange that led up to the announcement

Wednesday. Their team members also got into an altercation during an October event promoting Paul's fight against former UFC champion Anderson Silva. After Paul beat Silva by unanimous decision, he said he wanted to fight Diaz.

But Paul (6-1, 4 KO) lost his most recent fight, to Tommy Fury in February, by split decision.

"My last fight didn't end the way I wanted, but the result was the best thing that could have happened to

my professional boxing aspirations," Paul said in a statement. "Now, the world thinks I am vulnerable, when all I am is more focused than ever. My team wanted me to take an easy fight ... but that's not how I am built.

Nate Diaz is considered one of the (toughest) fighters of all time, but he and his team have been running their mouths for too long."

Diaz is 21-13 in the UFC, winning his most recent bout with a submission of Tony



Jake Paul, left, punches Tyrone Woodley during the second round of a Cruiserweight fight on Dec. 19, 2021, in Tampa, Fla.

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Ferguson at UFC 279 in September.

"Besides Canelo (Alvarez) he's the biggest thang in boxing," Diaz said in a

statement about Paul. "I'm here to conquer that. I'm the King of combat sports and then I'm headed back to get my UFC belts." □

Confident Rays not surprised by 11-0 start to season

By **FRED GOODALL**

AP Sports Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— The streaking Tampa Bay Rays are running out of superlatives to describe baseball's best start in more than three decades.

Remarkable, incredible, unbelievable even crazy are words players have used to describe the dominant, all-around team effort that has carried them to an 11-0 record that's the toast of the big leagues two weeks into the season.

The Rays, who have made the playoffs each of the past four years, expected to be good.

But no one could have envisioned them joining the 1987 Milwaukee Brewers, 1982 Atlanta Braves, 1981 Oakland Athletics, 1966



Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Manuel Margot celebrates with shortstop Wander Franco (5) after the Rays defeated the Boston Red Sox during a baseball game Monday, April 10, 2023, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Associated Press

Cleveland Indians, 1962 Pittsburgh Pirates and 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers as the

only clubs to begin seasons with double-digit win streaks. Of those teams, only the Dodgers won the World Series.

"Pretty exciting. Doing it the way we have, every facet of our game is really performing, producing and contributing," manager Kevin Cash said. "Normally it doesn't work out that way." Through Tuesday night's 7-2 victory against the Boston Red Sox, the Rays have swatted a majors-leading 29 homers and outscored opponents 83-20 for baseball's fastest getaway since the '87 Brewers won 13 in a row to tie the '82 Braves for the longest win streak to start a season.

Tampa Bay won its first nine games by four runs or more, the longest such streak at any point in a season since the New York Yankees rattled off 10 in a row in 1939.

"Truthfully, I don't think we've talked about it. We're just here to play our brand of baseball. ... We just have fun with each other, and go out there and have a blast," ace Shane Bieber said.

"It's fun to be in this clubhouse regardless of the streak, to be honest with you," Bieber added. "I'll tell you the truth, that's the last thing we're concerned about. ... Part of what we do is no matter what, we have the same mentality out there."

In addition to swinging torrid bats, the pitching and defense have been superb, too, with No. 3 and No. 4 starters Jeffrey Springs and Drew Rasmussen each winning twice and posting 13 scoreless innings over their first two outings.

Bieber, a first-time All-Star a year ago, is 3-0 with a 1.59 ERA through three starts, while offseason acquisition

Zach Eflin (2-0, 3.27) has been impressive after signing a \$40 million, three-year contract the largest the budget-minded Rays have ever awarded in free agency. Eflin was placed on the injured list Tuesday with back tightness. □



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